PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YUSUKE HISADA, ET AL.

Serial No. 09/277,417

Filed: March 26, 1999

Atten: Refund Division Office of Finance

For:

EMAIL ACCESS CONTROL SCHEME FOR COMMUNICATION NETWORK USING IDENTIFICATION CONCEALMENT MECHANISM

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF EXCESS-CLAIMS FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

The above applicant respectfully requests the Office to refund \$190 charged for claims in excess of 20, in the patent application identified above. That amount was charged to Deposit Account 10-1215 on April 7, 1999, as fee code 103.

This application was filed with 112 claims. The filing fee paid with the application included \$1,656 for 92 extra claims (112-20 = $92 \times 18 = 1,656$). The total amount of filing fee paid (\$2,670) also included payment for 13 extra independent claims. No multiple dependent claim was presented.

The Official Filing Receipt for this application shows \$3,430 filing fee received, confirming the amount paid by the applicant as mentioned above. Accordingly, no additional filing fee should have been charged for this application.

The undersigned notes that \$190, the amount charged for claims in excess of 20, is not evenly divisible by \$18, the amount required for each such excess claim.

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington BC 20231, on June 18, 1999.

Accordingly, it appears the charge of \$190 to the aforementioned deposit account was in error, and the undersigned respectfully requests the Office to credit that amount to the Deposit Account 10-1215.

Respectfully submitted,

Røger 7. Frost Reg. No. 22,176

JONES & ASKEW, LLP 2400 Monarch Tower 3424 Peachtree Road, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30326 404-949-2400 Our Docket: 13700-0190